

Senate Resolution 761

By: Senators Hill of the 32nd, Williams of the 19th, Rogers of the 21st, Chance of the 16th, Hudgens of the 47th and others

ADOPTED SENATE**A RESOLUTION**

1 Urging the United States Congress to require the United States Census Bureau to provide a
2 fair, accurate, and unbiased actual count of the population of the United States in the 2010
3 decennial census; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Article I, Section II of the United States Constitution mandates that a census of
5 the United States population be conducted every ten years; and

6 WHEREAS, the next census is scheduled to be conducted in 2010; and

7 WHEREAS, the data from the census is used to distribute Congressional seats to states, to
8 determine redistricting of legislative and other government bodies, to make decisions about
9 what community services to provide, and to distribute \$300 billion in federal funds to local,
10 state, and tribal governments each year; and

11 WHEREAS, an accurate count of the population is critical to the fair and equitable
12 distribution of these seats, services, and funds; and

13 WHEREAS, the United States Census Bureau is vested with the authority to conduct the
14 census; and

15 WHEREAS, the Census Bureau has been a part of the United States Department of
16 Commerce for many years and has reported to the Secretary of Commerce; and

17 WHEREAS, there has been much discussion of late regarding having the Census Bureau
18 report to different officials in the federal government which has caused speculation that there
19 will be an attempt to politicize the conduct of the census rather than having a neutral,
20 nonpartisan count of the population; and

21 WHEREAS, there has also been much discussion of using alternative methods of counting
22 as opposed to actual counts of the population such as statistical sampling and estimation of
23 populations; and

24 WHEREAS, there is no substitute for an actual count of the population in the conduct of the
25 census and there is no room for estimations and projections when so much is at stake based
26 on the census data; and

27 WHEREAS, the United States Congress needs to ensure that the Census Bureau conduct a
28 fair, accurate, and unbiased actual count of the United States population unmixed with any
29 estimations or projections.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 urge the United States Congress to ensure that the United States Census Bureau conducts a
32 fair, accurate, and unbiased actual count of the population of the United States in the 2010
33 decennial census and to ensure that the Census Bureau reports to the United States
34 Department of Commerce and not to any other agency or office of the United States
35 government.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
37 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to each member of the Georgia
38 congressional delegation.